

**State of Alaska
Department of Military
and
Veterans Affairs**



**Division of
Homeland Security
and
Emergency Management**

***"...through
partnerships,
leading the way in
emergency
management"***

Alaska

Alaska is a state characterized by its wide cultural diversity and its vast natural beauty. But Alaska can be ravaged by the power of Mother Nature in the forms of earthquakes, floods, wildfires, volcanos, and avalanches.

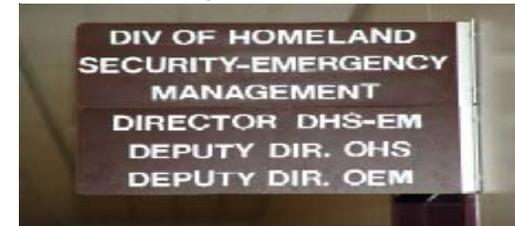


Not only is Alaska under threat from natural disasters, but the state is also affected by "all-hazards" events which include technological and man-made disasters. Also, since the events of September 11th, 2001, Alaska is increasingly cautious of possible terrorist attacks.



**Division of Homeland Security &
Emergency Management**

The mission of the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is to protect Alaskans and their property from terrorism and all other hazards and to provide rapid recovery from all events.



The history of the Division dates back to 1977 and the Alaska Disaster Act that created the original Division of Emergency Services within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Alaska Division of Homeland Security was created in March of 2003 and the two separate organizations joined together in early 2004.

When a disaster or terrorist attack occurs, the Division is on the scene quickly to provide individual and/or public assistance to the citizens and local governments. In the event of a major catastrophe, the Division works closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide Federal assistance to the victims.

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Preparedness

Preparing for disasters and terrorist attacks is a continuous effort that involves all levels of Federal, State, and Local governments, as well as numerous businesses and volunteer organizations. Division personnel work hard to assist local communities with developing and testing their local emergency plans so they can effectively prepare for and respond to natural or man-made disasters.



Training

Training is a high priority in the Division. Training programs are designed to provide local officials with the skills necessary to plan for, respond to, and recover from all types of disasters. Public awareness materials are provided to schools, businesses, and the general public. These materials help people in reducing hazards and alleviating the effects of disasters.

It's Your Responsibility Too

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is ready to help when an event happens. However, preparing for disasters and terror attacks is also an individual responsibility.

Residents in the communities are, and must be, the first to respond to an event. They must be ready to help themselves, their neighbors, and their communities.

Being prepared is everyone's job!

